

### **UCU at QUB Statement on Far-Right Islamophobia (2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024)**

In response to the plans of far-right extremists to inject the poison of islamophobia and anti-refugee sentiment into our city, we stand with the Belfast Islamic Centre. There is no place for racism and xenophobia of any kind in our city and we condemn those who seek to bring violence to our streets. Belfast is a City of Sanctuary and in QUB UCU we wholeheartedly endorse that inclusive and compassionate welcoming of those seeking sanctuary. We support the stand against this bigotry and explicitly reject those who are intent on stirring up hate and fear against peaceful communities of any colour or creed. We also commend all those groups and individuals who are prepared to make a stand against those promoting hate and misinformation. The strength of the trades union movement is built upon solidarity with all oppressed and minoritised groups, so we send out our solidarity to our Muslim brothers and sisters.